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CLOTHES BRIGHTEN LIVES OF ORPHANS IN QUANG NGA

A gift of 500 pounds of clothing from an AMERICAL Division soldier has brightened the lives of 385 orphans in Quang Ngai City.

The gifts were the result of an idea of Specialist Four Kelly Drabus (Harvey, N.D.) a former supply clerk with the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade. He wrote to civic organizations in his home town describing the orphanage's need for clothing and they responded generously. Boy Scouts from the soldier's hometown collected the clothes through a door to door program. The wives of the Jaycees packaged the clothes and collected the money for the postage.

When the clothes arrived Spec. 4 Drabus accompanied by First Lieutenant David Smith, (Mesa, Ariz.) 3d Bn., 1st Inf. civil affairs officer, and interpreter Staff Sergeant Nguyen Ly made the trip to the orphanage. Children of all ages met the trio as they climbed from the gift-laden jeep. They helped the men as they carried the 31 packages to the courtyard, encircled by the buildings which house the orphans. After the children had gathered, the packages were opened. The bright eyes and smiling faces of the children were outward signs of what the clothing meant to them. Many walked around modeling the brightly-colored dresses or pairs of blue jeans.

Before he left the orphanage, the children gathered around Specialist Drabus and, in unison, expressed a warm "Thank You". The orphans escorted him to the jeep and shook his hand before leaving.

When asked what his main reason for seeking the clothing, Specialist Drabus responded, "I had always wanted to help the children out in some way. It is my way of making life a little better for orphans."

According to 1st Lt. Smith, "Our battalion has been very close to the orphanage since we began working in the area. We are able to give them almost 80 percent of the support they require. The orphanage is also helping out," he continued. "They make ammunition vests for us and launder out fatigues at the orphanage."

Staff Sergeant Ly added, "This is a way of showing us that they can help us too," Sister Lartha, who moderates the Catholic orphanage, stated, "These gifts and those which you have given before are greatly appreciated. Your help makes caring for the orphans much easier."

WEAPON REGULATIONS

Regulations prohibit the carrying of arms with a round in the chamber unless under conditions of imminent tactical engagement. While traveling in "relatively" secure areas, weapons must be unloaded and the magazine or clip removed. Under no circumstances will personnel carry firearms or dangerous weapons into a public place such as a post exchange, commissary, USO, clubs or local bars.

U.S. Armed Forces personnel are prohibited from possessing privately owned firearms or other dangerous weapons in the Republic of Vietnam. They are also forbidden from importing, mailing, carrying or otherwise introducing into the Republic of Vietnam, firearms or other dangerous weapons. All personal firearms brought into Vietnam must be retained by the commander or supervisor of the owner until the owner has made the arrangements to export the weapon. Remember, it only takes one loaded weapon in the wrong hands in the wrong place to add up to injury or death. (Excerpt from USARV Fact Sheet 17-70)

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EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM EXPLAINED

Washington (AFPS) The DoD policy to release men up to three months early to attend college has been revised to include men who desire to attend vocational or technical schools.

To qualify, a man must:

--Show he has been accepted for enrollment commencing with a specific school term in a full-time resident course of instruction of no less than three months' duration at a recognized vocational or technical school.

--Not be essential to the mission of his assigned organization.

--Have completed 21 months of active service on his current tour of obligated service if he will have a reserve obligation after separation.

A Defense official said a recognized vocational or technical school is one which is approved by a state board for vocational education or is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association listed by the U.S. Commissioner of Education.

REDEPLOYMENT CRITERIA

DEFINED

The reduction of United States forces in the Republic of Vietnam is a part of the continuing Vietnamization program and has been worked out in close coordination with the leaders of that country. It is designed to give the Republic of Vietnam increased capabilities in self-determination.

Troop reductions in Vietnam commence with a reduction in the authorized troop ceiling. That is, the total number of United States forces authorized to be in Vietnam is cut. For example, the authorized troop ceiling of 549,000 at the beginning of 1969 was reduced to 524,000 effective 31 August 1969. The second reduction lowered that ceiling to 484,000 personnel spaces as of 15 December 1969.

The reduction in personnel has been managed primarily on a unit basis, dealing essentially with authorized strengths. Once a new troop ceiling is determined, a reduction or redeployment of units is planned to meet the new space authorization figure. Certain units are selected for eli-

mination from the force structure in Vietnam and then are inactivated or redeployed. However, the personnel in these units are not necessarily returned to the United States. The basic policy of a 12-month tour for individuals continues to apply.

In planning a reduction in personnel to meet the reduced troop ceiling figure, the overriding requirement is maintenance of the combat readiness of units remaining in Vietnam. Within that requirement, a policy of individual equity is followed. It would be unfair and uneconomical to return soldiers who had recently arrived in Vietnam ahead of those who served there several months longer. Because units in Vietnam regularly receive replacements for men completing the 12-month tour, most individuals who arrived in Vietnam only weeks before the announcement of troop reductions was made. Hence, many members of designated units do not return home immediately. Those personnel who have significant portions of their one-year tour remaining are reassigned to other units in Vietnam.

The inactivation or redeployment of units is not intended to change the basic principle of the 12-month tour in Vietnam.

There are still substantial forces remaining in Vietnam for whom replacements must be furnished. Thus, while men counted in troop reductions are not replaced, individuals must still go to Vietnam as replacements for personnel completing their 12-month tours in other units.

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(Redeployment Criteria cont.)

The Army must meet its worldwide commitments within the total number of authorized personnel. About one quarter of the entire Army is in Vietnam. Adhering to the Vietnam 12-month tour policy requires the replacement of practically all individuals there each year. This heavy personnel replacement has made it necessary to select some individuals for involuntary second tours in Vietnam. The primary consideration in selecting an individual for assignment to any area is the need for his particular grade and military skill. The Army's objective is that no individual will be returned to Vietnam for a second tour until all others of the same skill and grade have served an initial tour there.

Whenever possible, individuals of other grades and skills are substituted to alleviate this problem.

Personnel serving in a unit which has been designated for redeployment or inactivation should not assume that they will return home immediately. Rather, they should wait until specific details have been determined and until specific details have been determined and until they are notified, as individuals, that they are returning home or being reassigned to another unit in Vietnam.

It is the Army's desire to manage troop reductions in such a way that, insofar as possible, equitable tours are maintained for all personnel.

Taken from U.S. Army Fact Sheet.

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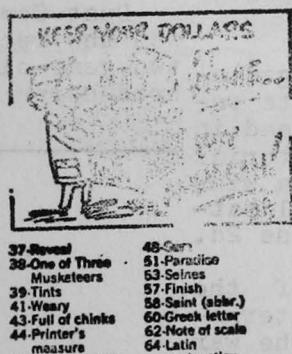
ACROSS

1-Pronoun
4-A continent (abbr.)
6-Rugged mountain crest
11-Egg dish
13-Scorched
15-Symbol for tantalum
16-Painters
18-Sun god
19-Earth goddess
21-Journey forth
22-Prepare for print
24-Wife of Zeus
26-Article of jewelry
28-Female ruff
29-Item of property
31-Stalk
33-Rupens (abbr.)
34-Goddess of discord
36-Pierce
38-Conjunction
40-Leave out
42-Look fixedly
45-Definite article
47-Send forth
49-Ireland
50-Rabbit
52-Metal
54-Printer's measure
55-Hypothetical force
56-Strikes out
59-Faroe Islands
61-Calm
63-Bear witness to
65-Dispatches
66-Legal seal (abbr.)
67-Afternoon party

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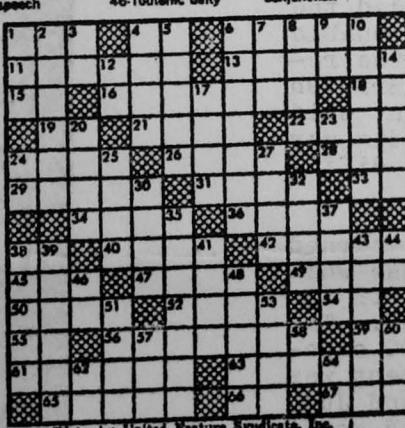
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2-Likenesses
3-Pronoun

4-String
5-Estuary
6-Arrows to
7-Soak
8-Comfort
9-Initials of 26th President
10-Weird
12-Note of scale
14-Tropical fruit (pl.)
17-Flower
20-Gaelic
23-Physician (abbr.)
24-Exclamation
25-Danish island
27-Obtains
30-Measure duration of
32-Partner
35-Figures of speech



37-Revived
38-One of Three Musketeers
39-Tints
41-Wearily
43-Full of chinks
44-Printer's measure
46-Toutenlic deity

48-Care
51-Paradise
53-Seines
57-Finish
58-Saint (abbr.)
60-Green letter
62-Note of scale
64-Latin conjunction



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DID YOU KNOW,

Campus unrest has hit many college and university campuses as students protest the extension of the war into Cambodia. Four students were killed by Ohio National Guard sman at Kent State University in the major confrontation on the campus. Three major universities have announced the closing of the schools for the academic year.

A series of new bombing raids on North Vietnam have been ended. The targets were missile and anti-aircraft installations. The bombings were resumed when unarmed U.S. reconnaissance planes were fired on.

The House has defeated a proposal which backed President Nixon's decision to send troops into Cambodia. Senator Edward Kennedy said in a speech at John Hopkins University that he will work against financing the war. The assistant Democratic leader of the Senate said he will try to see that no more funds are provided by Congress for the military without restrictions on their use in Southeast Asia.

Governor Albert Brewer forged a head of George Wallace in late returns. He took a sizeable lead in Alabama's Democratic gubernatorial primary, but not enough for a winning majority. The two will battle again in a run-off on June 2d.

Secretary General U Thant of the U.N. has called for a new international conference to end the war in Indo-China. Thant conceded the world organization has been unable to play a decisive role in the recent conflict. In London British Prime Minister Harold Wilson said the allied move in Cambodia may set off a chain of events difficult to control.

An indictment has been turned against the oil company whose well spewed a huge oil slick off the Louisiana coast last winter. The company was accused of 900 separate offenses. The indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury in New Orleans. Fines could mount into millions of dollars.

Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin has rejected a new Geneva Conference on Indochina and said the Soviet Union "calls on all the peoples of the world to stop the aggression in Cambodia."

GAZING AT SPORTS,

In the sports world, the Chicago Cubs and the Cincinnati Reds have leads in their respective sections of the National League but are getting strong pushes from world champion New York and Atlanta. The Mets, still riding on the arm of Tom Seaver, are three games off the top. The Braves are presently sporting a nine-game winning streak.

Over in the junior circuit, Baltimore and Minnesota have slim one game leads over Detroit and California. The Milwaukee Brewers seem to be destined for the bottom of the barrel this season as they are already 11 games off the pace.

The National Basketball Association finals between the Knicks and the Lakers will go the full seven games as Los Angeles, behind Jerry West and Wilt Chamberlain, have evened the series at three games apiece.

The Stanley Cup finals of the NHL between Boston and St. Louis finds the Bruins with a 2-0 lead in the best of seven contests.

Dust Commander, a 15-1 shot, won the recent Kentucky Derby. The two-year-old is the first Illinois bred horse to win the race.

